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National News

by Robert N. Taylor

NAACP to rehire most of its staff

In an apparent first step of recovery from what at one point appeared to be overwhelming financial problems, the NAACP indicated last week that it planned to rehire most of the staff which it was forced to lay off late last year. This announcement came despite the fact that leaders of the nation's oldest civil rights organization said they were extending a previously announced staff furlough for another two weeks. Nevertheless, during an interview last week board chairman William F. Gibson said, "We're bringing back everyone except those who have found other jobs, plus a slight retrenchment." In actual numbers a "slight retrenchment" means that 74 of the 88 furloughed workers will be rehired. Gibson would not give the exact amount of the organization's current debt but indicated that it was being reduced. Outside plans place the group's debt at over \$4 million. — BALTIMORE, MD.

Aids threat to blacks maybe overstated

Only about two percent of the African Americans who died last year died from the deadly disease AIDS. According to a just-released report from the National Center for Health Statistics, the leading causes of death among blacks (as is true with the rest of the population) are heart disease, cancer and stroke. These three ailments account for over 60 percent of all deaths. The new figures show that while AIDS is the leading killer of black males between 25 to 44, most of those deaths are occurring among male homosexuals and IV drug users. Outside of those two populations, AIDS has yet to make any significant headway into the rest of the black population. — WASHINGTON, DC.

Former Somalia president dies

The former president of Somalia Mohamed Siad Barre died in Lagos, Nigeria last week. It was Barre's dictatorial rule and the military coup which ousted him in 1991 that were in part responsible for the famine which gripped the country. — (Continued on page 3)

African-American leaders react to Gingrich and GOP Congress

by Paul Joseph

New Jersey's African-American political, religious and community leaders are less than enthusiastic about the GOP's new found power and see the Republican agenda as threatening to the African-American community.

Urban America and the poor are the ones who will suffer and be punished under the "Contract with America," a series of programs proposed by the Republican majority which call for lower taxes, less government, tougher anti-crime measures and a balance budget amendment, according to urban leaders.

Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) and the Republicans officially took control of the House last Wednesday after a 10-year absence from congressional power.

As he was elevated to House Speaker, Gingrich transformed from a conservative Georgia representative to a bipartisan states-

man. Addressing the 104th Congress, Gingrich appeared to be an eloquent and astute leader of all the people.

"Here we are as commoners together, to some extent Democrats and Republicans, to some extent liberals and conservatives, but Americans all," he told his Congressional colleagues.

He praised Democrats for their efforts in eliminating segregation and asked them to co-operate in slashing and reshaping federal mandated programs and in passing a constitutional balance budget amendment by the year 2002.

Gingrich called on Democrats to help in replacing the "welfare state with the opportunity society" and said that the plight of the poor was "a moral crisis equal to segregation, equal to slavery."

He urged black and white members of Congress to exchange gifts in order to understand each other's problems, and told his Republican colleagues that privatization was not a total solution to the country's problems.

"I would say to those Republicans who

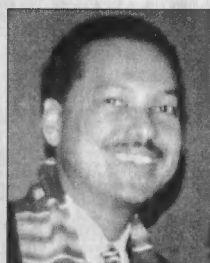
believe in total privatization, you can't believe in the good Samaritan and explain that as long as business is making money, we can't walk by a fellow American who's hurt and not do something," he stated.

Gingrich's words appeared to be clever political rhetoric rather than sincere concern of an innovative political leader charged with moving the country forward, according to some African-American leaders who expressed very little or no faith in the new leaders.

Councilman at Large Donald Tucker of Newark sees the Republican controlled congress as "not positive for the African-American community."



Mayor Sharpe James, "Congress should flex their muscles to strengthen all of America."



Mayor Cardell Cooper, "The Republican administration will turn the light off on urban America."

"The programs that have impact on urban cities are the ones they are going to target," he said. "They seem to want to be dedicated to the rich and famous."

"We are going to catch hell," De Lacy D. Davis, founder of Black Cops Against Police Brutality (B-CAP), said.

His remarks came after he viewed a televised replay of Gingrich's speech. According to Davis, at one point in the speech, the new Speaker pointed to a group of white

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Racism still rocks Kean College following Muhammad's speech

by Paul Joseph

More than one year ago, Minister Khalid Muhammad, a representative of the Nation of Islam (NOI), gave a fiery and thought-

ful "divisive" speech on the small campus of Kean College in Union County, New Jersey.

In the speech, Muhammad referred to the Pope as "a no good cracker" and said the Jews were "the blood suckers" of the African American community. He also made remarks against homosexuals and referred to

some prominent African Americans as cowards and "sellouts."

These remarks angered the Anti Defamation League, a Jewish watchdog group, so much that they took out a full page ad in the New York Times to condemn the speech and to ask others to do the same. Soon after, newspapers and broadcast media around the nation and the world began to take notice. Kean College suddenly found itself on the brink of a global controversy.

New Jersey Governor Christie Whitman mounted a media campaign to denounce Muhammad's "hate speech" and to promote racial tolerance in the state. Vice President Al Gore jumped on the bandwagon and later Congress would demand a constitutional investigation into Muhammad's words.

Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam, reprimanded Muhammad but did not expel him from the organization. Months later, at the invitation of the Kean College Pan African Student Union, Farrakhan packed the 900-seat Wilkins Theater in efforts to help heal the wounds that divided the campus on racial lines.

Today, the campus has not yet been able to recover. White students as well as some professors are still angry, according to 24-year-old senior Alkarmim Muhammad, a member of the NOI and the student responsible for bringing the speaker to the campus, and they are taking out their frustrations on him.

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Calendar of Events

TUESDAY JANUARY 10

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Human Relations Commission presents "Martin's Holiday Week Reception Living His Dreams" (I have a Dream Essay and Coloring Contest) at the Plainfield City Hall Rotunda at 7 p.m. For more info call 908-753-3310.

HOBOKEN—A Martin Luther King Program will be held at Hoboken High School, 9 Clinton St., at 10 a.m. For more info call 201-795-6565.

JERSEY CITY—The annual Hudson County Annual Commemoration Anniversary of the Birth of Martin Luther King Jr., at Justice William Brennan Court House, 583 Newark Ave. at 5 p.m. For more info call 201-795-6565.

THURSDAY JANUARY 12

PLAINFIELD—"Working Toward Keeping the Dream Alive," live entertainment, poetry and music at the Neighborhood House at 7 p.m. For more info call 908-753-3310.

FRIDAY JANUARY 13

PLAINFIELD—"Living the Dream" An artistic tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be at the Black United

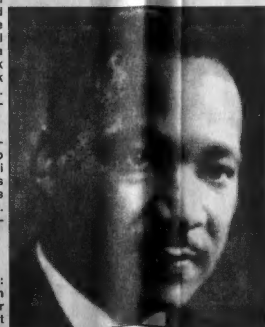
Fund Complex Center from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

PLAINFIELD—"Dr. Martin Luther King Past and Present" featuring the Plainfield High School Gospel Choir and Drama Club will be at the Mohawk Lodge #307 & Mohawk Temple #191 at 6:30 p.m. For more info call 908-753-3310.

SHORT HILLS—St. Matthew A.M.E. Church to worship with Temple B'Nai Jeshurun of Short Hills featuring the Male Chorus of St. Matthew's at 8 p.m. For more info call 201-678-1217.

NEWARK—After Dr. King: Building The Movement In Our Community, In Our Time" featuring guest speaker Lawrence Hamm will be held at the Newark Public Library-Centennial Hall at 2 p.m. For more info call 201-643-7711.

PLAINFIELD—"Then and Now, the Sight and Sounds of Change" will be celebrated at the Plainfield Pub-



lic Library at 2 p.m. For more info call 908-753-3310.

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Black power decreased in new Congress

by William Reed

As the 104th Congress convenes in Washington, D.C. it represents a new era for the 41 African Americans who have seats there. Now that Republicans have gained dominance of Capitol Hill, black members of Congress have become a minority minority. While most black members were easily re-elected, the collective clout of the mostly Democrat Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) has been reduced by 73 new Republicans who have given their party majority status in the House.

During the 104th Congress the CBC will be led by New Jersey's four-term Congressman Donald M. Payne, who takes the CBC leadership from Baltimore Congressman Kweisi Mfume, defeated second-term Congressman Alcee Hastings of Miami, Florida on a 23 to 15 vote that divided largely along generational lines. Payne, who is 60

and is a former state and federal judge, drew more support from senior lawmakers, while Hastings, 58, who too was a federal judge but was impeached, was the favorite of relative newcomers, like himself.

The soft-spoken Payne, who will preside over the largest group of black lawmakers in congressional history, said, "The caucus, in general, felt that during the next year it's better to have a strong negotiator, a person that can compromise, one that can move the organization through these troubled times." The more outspoken Hastings is like the phoenix who has risen from the ashes. He was impeached from his federal judge's bench for "high crimes and misdemeanors" by members of the national legislative body in which he sits.

"I had great ideas, and he had the numbers," said Hastings, who described Payne as "extremely capable." Payne has served as a member of the Newark Municipal Council,

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY THRU SUNDAYS
ROSELLE—Ice Skating in Wanamaker Park. Also family sessions are available. For more info call 908-298-7850.

MONTCLAIR—The Mental Health Association in New Jersey is seeking volunteers for one of its community education programs known as "Project Return Players." For training and registration, call 201-744-2500.

MONTH OF JANUARY
JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City Library will sponsor a host of films each Wednesday throughout the month, at 1 p.m. including Tomb Raider, A Bronx Tale, Another Stake Out and The Fugitive. For more info call 201-547-4546.

NOW THRU FEBRUARY 23
JERSEY CITY—"How to Achieve Discipline: A New Workshop for Parents and Educators" will take place at Hudson County Community College. For more info call 201-714-2107.

THRU JANUARY 17
WAYNE—William Paterson College is offering a study tour to Costa Rica. For more info call 201-595-2436.

JANUARY 8 THRU FEBRUARY 19
JERSEY CITY—Hudson County Community College will offer an info. to French course every Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. For more info call 201-714-2107.

JANUARY 23 & 30
WESTFIELD—There will be a Nanny course for childcare providers at the Hudson County Cooperative Extension of Union County from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more info call 908-654-9854.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11
PLAINFIELD—Are you new to the area? The Mothers' Center of Central NJ offers daytime discussion groups from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Presbyterian Church. For more info call 908-561-1761.

CRANFORD—The Very Special Arts Festival will take place at the Union County College's Cranford Campus. For more info call 908-558-2550.

ELIZABETH—Union County College is having a Infectious Disease Awareness Seminar. For more info call 908-

527-4300.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12
SUMMIT—New Jersey Center for Visual Arts is hosting a VNC VNC museums and galleries tour. The bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from the Summer Pool. For ticket info call 908-273-9121.

NEW YORK—Luncheon Lectures at 12:30 p.m. at the Frances Tamm Museum. For more info call 212-425-1778.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14
MONTCLAIR—A quilt and beadwork demonstration will be presented at the Montclair Art Museum by Ina McNeil at 3 p.m. For more info call 201-746-5555.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17
PLAINFIELD—Financial Aid Workshops will be held at Union County College at 6 p.m. For more info call 908-412-3571.

JANUARY 17 THRU MARCH 7
PLAINFIELD—Literary Volunteers of America is hosting two Winter Basic Literacy Tutoring Training Workshops on Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info call 908-755-7998.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18
PLAINFIELD—There will be a Women and Self Esteem course at the United National Bank Community Education Center from 7 to 9 p.m. For more info call 908-756-5000.

CRANFORD—Union County College will conduct an Admissions Workshop at its campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth and Plainfield. For more info call 908-709-7518.

THRU JANUARY 19
JERSEY CITY—Hudson County Community College's Continuing Education Department is offering several computer classes this fall. For more info call 201-714-2107.

THRU JANUARY 20
MANHATTAN—The Multiple Sclerosis Society is launching a nationwide search for exhibit with multiple sclerosis. "The Creative Will: The 1995-96 exhibition of Rembrandt." For more info call 212-476-0442.

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Howard Banks elected first male president of MBA



MBA President-elect Howard Banks

PLAINFIELD—It's a new year with new beginnings as the first male was elected president of The Modern Beauticians' Association of New Jersey Inc. (MBA) (affiliate to The National Beauty Culturists' League, Inc.).

Howard C. Banks owner of The Professional by Howard, Inc., a beauty salon in Plainfield, was inducted Sunday, January 8 at the 1st Port Holiday Inn in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Banks has been active in the growth of The Modern Beauticians

Association, Inc. He has held the positions of vice president and booth chairperson for the MBA Conventions. He presently holds the office of president of The Trendsetters, a local unit of the MBA in Plainfield.

For his service in the community he has been recognized by the NAACP and various organizations, as well as serving on the Advisory Board of the Middlesex County Vocational System for more than twenty years. Banks is also a faithful member of Calvary Baptist Church in Plainfield and currently serves on the Trustees Board.

Born in Plainfield to the late Howard C. Banks, Sr. and Hazel P. Banks, Howard, from 1945 through 1949, served in the Army Air Corps in Tuskegee, Alabama hoping to become a pilot. Subsequent to the war with Japan, the Army Air Corps was phased out, and he then served as an Air Force dispatcher at the Tuskegee base.

After serving in the Air Force, Banks attended Rutgers University in New Brunswick, where he majored in business. While attending Rutgers, Banks was employed by Cornell

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Morris Kimble, Jr. (r) a marketing major at Rutgers' Graduate School of Management is congratulated by Dr. George Benson, Dean of Rutgers' Faculty of Management, Newark, for receiving the NJ Sales and Marketing Executives Association scholarship. Kimble and 16 other students shared a \$43,000 scholarship which was raised at the Annual Business Conference held in New Brunswick. Kimble is a public relations director for the Black MBA Association.

COPING

by Dr. Charles Folukner

Crack's greatest salesman

I have written so many columns about crack that I can't count them. I have told people how dangerous crack is and how easily it can destroy them. In spite of all these warnings, more and more people are using crack. The numbers of crack users go up, up, up, up.

Somebody is convincing people that crack is fabulous. Somebody is telling people that crack will make them feel like a million dollars. Someone has a better argument for crack than I have against it. Do you know who this fantastic crack salesman is? It is the person who is now using crack.

Crack users are the world's greatest crack salesmen. They may hate the fact that they are addicted to crack. They may hate the idea that they are slaves to a substance that can only result in torment, in the months and years to come. But they love crack and they love to talk about the glorious feeling that they get when they use it. They graphically describe the "most wonderful hit" they ever had. They tell how crack lifted them up so high that it made them completely forget about the misery of their lives.

One crack addict said that crack made her forget that she didn't have a job. It made her completely forget that she couldn't pay her rent, that her phone had been cut off, that she hadn't eaten in three days and that she hadn't had a bath in two weeks. She had forgotten that she had just gotten her nose broken in a fight with a guy who tried to rape her, and was recently told that she may have a sexually-transmitted disease. She said that crack was like "God" to her.

A man who was strung out said that crack, mixed with heroin, was like having 10 birthday parties and 10 sexual climaxes all at once. He said that the drug made him actually feel as if he was slowly flying above the clouds and could reach out and touch "heaven."

Nearly everyone who has ever used the drug says something wonderful about the feeling that they get from using it. This is the major reason crack and other illicit drugs remain so powerful and "necessary" in the community. These positive sermons tend to make most people potential users of illicit drugs.

One non-drinker and non-smoker who is living a magnificently clean life said, "I don't go to parties and I don't go near people who talk about drugs. I don't know what I would do in a week moment, if I was offered drugs. I am strong, but I am human, and I have personal problems just like everyone else. Suppose I saw my (significant other) out on a date with someone else? Suppose I lost my job. Suppose a close family member unexpectedly died. Would I use crack? I just don't know."

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Somalia and the country's current civil war. Barro has diabetes and had suffered a heart attack. He was around 80 years old.

LAGOS, NIGERIA

Economists say inner cities can become wealthy

Economist Michael E. Porter—author of the widely hailed cluster theory of global economic growth—thinks inner cities in America can be turned into a new version of economic boom towns. The 47-year-old Harvard Business School professor has launched a campaign to recruit an ethnically diverse group of top business school graduates to commit themselves to two years of working with and helping develop inner city businesses. Porter argues that even though the incomes of inner city residents are low, their concentration in relatively small areas near downtowns represent tremendous purchasing power. The Porter program will focus on retail and start-up businesses.—BOSTON, MASS.

Panel finds racial bias persists at military bases

The House Armed Services Committee reports that overt cases of racism and subtle forms of discrimination still pervade some military facilities. The finding of a one-year bi-partisan study of racial discrimination reflect "A complex web of good news and bad news," says the committee's former African-American Chairman Ronald Dellums. The report says overt forms of racism and jokes were common at four of the 19 U.S. and overseas facilities surveyed. More serious, the report said, were minority service members' perceptions that they were disciplined more severely and faced retaliation for lodging discrimination complaints. Dellums said he was "deeply troubled" that many men and women in uniform "believe their careers are jeopardized by acts of discrimination." He called it a "dangerous and deleterious situation that must be addressed."—WASHINGTON, DC

Office of oldest NAACP chapter in foreclosure

The Boston chapter of the NAACP is 16 months and \$20,000 behind in its mortgage. Heat and water in the office has been turned off and the organization is being run out of the home of chapter president Jack E. Robinson. "What we are hoping to accomplish is that the minority community and NAACP members will come up with the necessary funds to take the building out of foreclosure," says Robinson. The chapter was founded in 1910, a year after the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was formed.—BOSTON, MASS.

Bryant Gumbel to stay with NBC

Bryant Gumbel and NBC aren't giving out details, but it looks like he wasn't prepared to bolt from the *Today Show* and NBC wasn't prepared to lose him. "I'm happy it's done," Gumbel says of the one-year extension of his contract with the network. Gumbel, who has been the *Today* anchor for 13 years, said the outcome "Meant everybody liked everything entailed in the prior contract and all we had to do was adjust the timetable and the money." NBC is said to be on the auction block, therefore the contract was not something that the network or Gumbel could make a long-term commitment.—NEW YORK, NY

New O.J. '900' line could make millions

A new 900 number could make O.J. Simpson money and his estate lots of money. It is a special number on which callers will hear messages from Simpson and his pal, Al (A.C.) Cowling. A prospectus, prepared by Mike Gilbert, O.J.'s business manager seeking investors claims that the 900 number could generate profits of \$20 million.—LOS ANGELES, CA

WASHINGTON, DC—In a nationally televised address, President Bill Clinton argued for a Bill of Rights for the Middle Class. The middle class should have economic security, job security, a decent home, universal and comprehensive health care, and the children educated. In fact, however, those are goals shared by all Americans, not just the middle class.

The political operatives in both parties in Washington today are arguing against a "big tent" inclusive response to the way to maintain or gain the White House in 1996. Thus, the Republicans propose \$197 billion in middle class tax cuts, and maybe

more in budget cuts to pay for them. Mr. Clinton proposes \$60 billion in middle class tax cuts—a sort of "Republican Light" proposal—be paid for with \$76 billion in budget cuts. The consensus among economic experts is that all these tax cut proposals: (a) will result in higher deficits; (b) will result in higher interest rates; (c) come at the wrong time; and (d) encourage people to spend and consume at a time when we need more savings and investment for future development.

It is ironic that on the very day that the U.S. Conference of Mayors was making public its annual report on the plight of the poor in their

cities—which indicates that the problems of hunger and homelessness are getting worse—President Clinton was announcing cuts in government programs for the poor in order to pay for a middle class tax cut. Mr. Clinton postponed announcing how many middle class jobs would be cut until after Christmas.

President Clinton cut food subsidies for the poor from \$80 million in fiscal 1994 to \$25 million in fiscal 1995. CBS News reported that corporate contributions to help the needy are declining.

With the Christmas season just behind us we would do well to remember that neither Mary, Joseph nor Jesus would have qualified for any of the tax cuts proposed by either the Republicans or the Democrats.

the poor.

The middle class deserves tax relief. All Americans deserve to be taxed fairly. Inherent in fair taxes for all, however, is a tax cut for the middle class. Inherent in a mere middle class tax cut is more of the same; more debt and deficit, higher interest rates, more of our taxes going to pay the national debt, slower growth, more inequality, fewer jobs, and more hunger, homelessness and poverty.

With the Christmas season just behind us we would do well to remember that neither Mary, Joseph nor Jesus would have qualified for any of the tax cuts proposed by either the Republicans or the Democrats.

The President's Bill of Rights for the Middle Class would have passed them by. They were not middle class. Mary was an unwed mother engaged to Joseph, an unemployed carpenter. Both of them lived under occupation, without the right to vote or economic justice. In the current climate, Mary would have been degraded and humiliated; and Jesus threatened with an orphanage.

The way out of our dilemma is not the exclusivity of the political center of the middle class, but the moral center, which is inclusive of all Americans and speaks to the very soul and character of our nation.

American anti-slavery group

by Charles Jacobs

The newly-elected US Congress has many surprises in store, but none perhaps more stunning than its concern for modern day black slaves. Mohamed Athie, executive director of the American Anti-Slavery Group (AASG), points out that while 1995 will mean another year of freedom for the blacks in South Africa, blacks in North Africa will spend it in chains.

According to Athie, the US State Department contends that there are over 90,000 black Africans in a state of hard bondage, serving their Arab-Berber masters in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. These, Athie says, are simply human chattel, property which is bought, sold, or inherited. Black resistance to Arab-Berber rule resulted in the recent expulsion of over 100,000 Mauritians into Senegal and Mali. This, after a campaign of human rights abuses that Amnesty International claims to be one of the worst it has witnessed.

Athie says that slavery of blacks is on the rise in Sudan as well. He points to a United Nations report from last May describing how black women and children of the Dinka tribe are bought and sold in camps that would be the equivalent of modern day slave markets.

"Journalists on the scene in Sudan," continued Athie, have quoted prices as low as \$15."

Athie, a former Mauritanian diplomat who now lives as a political refugee in the US, founded AASG two years ago in order to mount a grass roots campaign in this country

to educate the public about the plight of the slaves. Last March, he along with Dr. Charles Jacobs, research director of the group, published an article in *The New York Times*, which got the issue broad coverage. Soon after, they appeared on talk radio around the country and finally, last November they were featured on PBS' *Tony Brown's Journal*. The public response to that show—Athie and Jacobs displayed pictures of blacks serving their masters—convinced PBS to run it again. It will be shown across the country the week of Jan. 16 to 12th.

Dr. Jacobs acknowledges that it was coverage of AASG's efforts in this column last March which may actually lead to a Congressional investigation of the slave trade. "A reader of Bill Reed's column contacted us and then wrote his Congressman, Representative Torricelli (D-NJ) including a copy. Torricelli is now calling for Congressional hearings on the matter. And he may soon be joined by others."

Last October, in part as a response to the work of Athie's group, Congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass) introduced a Resolution to the House of Representatives requiring the U.S. to act against slaves. Resolution 572 calls for the Secretary of State to "include a full report on slavery where it exists (in this) annual human rights report." It says, further, that "eradication of slavery should be an important goal of the US Government in all of its activities."

According to Jacobs, it would be best if African-American Congressmen and Congresswomen took the

lead here. "Viewers of *Tony Brown's Journal* were upset to see photos of black men and girls serving Arab masters in North Africa, in the last decade of the 20th Century. But our mail indicates that they were almost as upset to learn that no black Congressman had as yet taken up this issue. We hope this will change."

Athie and Jacobs have been joined recently by Professor Abdul Momen, a Bangladeshi native who teaches management at Merrimack College in North Andover, Mass. Momen has been documenting the case of Asian children sold into bondage. The girls are used to fill the brothels of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Or they become the fictitious wives of Arab sheikhs in the Gulf. Little boys are used as camel jockeys in those Arab Gulf states in which camel racing is a national pastime.

"For two years now," Athie explains, "we have been trying to bring the plight of the slaves to the attention of the American public and its representatives. We have hope that 1995 can be the beginning of liberation for the victims of one of humanities worst depredations."

For a free copy of the Anti-Slavery Report send a self-addressed stamped envelope to AASG PO Box 441612, San Jose, CA 95144. To contact Mohamed Athie, write P.O. Box 893, Washington, D.C. 20044.

Black power decreased

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the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and has served as president of the YMCAs of America. He said, "We are going to continue to be the conscience of the Congress." This year the CBC is also led by Barbara Rose Collins of Detroit, who is 1st vice chair; Earl F. Hilliard of Atlanta, who is 2nd vice chair; Texas Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson is the CBC secretary; William Jefferson of New Orleans is treasurer and newcomer Chaka Fattah of Philadelphia is the group's whip.

The 103rd Congress ended with 40 blacks as members, but, although they are still a minority within a minority of Democrats, the CBC's numbers now total 41. In addition to the 37 African Americans who were

re-elected to Congress, four new CBC members are: Sheila Jackson Lee, a former Houston, Texas City Council member and lawyer who is 44 and a graduate of Yale Law School; Victor Frazier, an Independent from the U.S. Virgin Islands; Chaka Fattah, a 37-year-old former State Senator from Philadelphia who defeated the incumbent in the primary; and J.C. Watts, a 37-year-old Republican and ordained minister and former football player from Oklahoma. CBC members' numbers of women increased from 10 to 11. Lucian Blackwell of Philadelphia and Alan Wheat, who ran for the Senate in Missouri, are the former members

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First male president

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assistant to the plant manager. In the evenings, he kept busy at the Charn School of Beauty Culture, Newark, where he was a student and graduated in 1954.

From 1954 to 1960, Banks had established a large enough following to become a full-time cosmetologist. He then went on managing and co-owning salons before establishing the Howard Coiffures in 1960. Banks decided to take matters into his own hands, thus in October of 1976, The

Professionals by Howard opened for business. Under his tutelage, several beauticians have gone on to open their own businesses.

As president of MBA, one of Banks' main goals will be to increase membership and education of the new members, especially the young licensed cosmetologist.

Considering a true humanitarian to many who know him, Banks is known for saying, "My life is just to be a servant, I love people."

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

The many faces of NEWT

Newt Gingrich came across as a renowned leader, ready to set America on the path of political, economical and social salvation during all the Capital Hill inauguration hoopla last Wednesday. In his highly dramatic inaugural speech, he called for cooperation from Democrats and even acknowledged their efforts in the civil rights movement. In what appears to be a sincere concern for the plight of African Americans and the poor, the New House Speaker even asked that his political colleagues switch places with African American Representatives in order to understand the plight of their constituents.

How sincere is Newt? Should the African American community believe in his words or were they just beautiful poetic rhetoric?

Newt is the same man who supports the abolishment of the Congressional Black Caucus. He is also the same man who advocated the return of the inhumane warehousing of children into orphanages.

Take a good look at the "Contract with America" and you will see that the massive tax breaks that are proposed tend to benefit those in the \$200,000 tax bracket and place the tax burden on the backs of the working and middle classes. New anti-regulation proposals in the contract would make it easier for big corporations to experiment with the safety and health of the most vulnerable of Americans.

Who are you really Mr. Gingrich? We'd like to know!

Quotas aren't the issue

by Allan J. Lichtman

The body of the mighty Democratic Congress isn't even cold, and critics are already blaming the usual suspects: African Americans. In a variant of the lament heard after every Democratic setback since 1968—that support for black interests will consign the party to permanent minority status—we're told that the new predominantly black Congressional districts in the South helped Republicans by draining black Democrats from neighboring white districts.

The argument may sound plausible, but it's dead wrong. The current round of Congressional redistricting, based on the 1990 Census, was completed before the 1992 elections. The same districts that produced a 41-seat Democratic majority in 1992 yielded nearly a 15-seat G.O.P. majority in 1994.

The 1994 elections were a broad-based rejection of Democratic candidates and had nothing to do with the allegedly debilitating effects of black districts: weakening white Democratic districts, attracting stronger Republican challengers and strengthening marginal G.O.P. districts.

Democrats actually fared a bit better in the nine states with new black districts than in the 41 states with no such districts: They lost 19 percent of the seats they had held in the nine states (all Southern), as against 21 percent in the others. (This pattern does not change when corrected for variable factors like the partisan leaning of states and the retirement of Democratic incumbents.) Even if the Democrats had kept every one of their seats in the nine redistricted states, losses in the other states would still have cost them their majority in the House.

A study of Democratic Congressional losses by the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund last month sustains the conclusions reached here. It found that in states with new black districts, as in other states, the main problem for

Democrats was not the distribution of votes among districts but a statewide abandonment of the Democrats. In Georgia, for example, where Democrats have lost five seats since 1990, the party's share of the statewide Congressional vote plummeted from 61 percent in 1990 to 46 percent in 1994.

Democrats might have held on to a few more seats by gerrymandering certain swing districts to include more black voters. But in the changed political climate of 1994, the strategy might have backfired: In Georgia, the Legal Defense Fund study found, spreading blacks among mainly white districts would probably have cost Democrats even more seats. And the price of such gerrymandering would have been to reduce African Americans yet again to pawns in a power game played by whites.

Critics say the creation of black districts since the 1970's has "re-segregated" an otherwise integrated polity in the South. Precisely the opposite is true. It was the absence of black districts in the South that produced segregated, nearly all-white government. As a result of white bloc voting, black candidates had (and still have) minimal prospects in majority-white districts, despite cohesive support from black voters. If white bloc voting did not exist and blacks were able to forge interracial coalitions, creation of black districts would not be required under the Voting Rights Act.

In 1970, the states of the old Confederacy had no black Congressional districts and no blacks serving in Congress. Today, there are 17 black representatives from these states, all elected from districts with a black majority or plurality. Nationwide, there are 39 black representatives in Congress; only two are from majority-white districts. Some people argue that the election of black officials is of little consequence because black interests were equally well represented by white legislators elected from white districts with substantial black populations.

But according to the Journal of Congressional Quarterly, members of Congress from the new black districts provided only 28 percent support for the "conservative coalition" of Republicans and right-leaning Demo-

by Connie Woodruff

As I see it, Essex County Executive Jim Treffinger, who took his oath of office New Year's day, will have either a brief honeymoon period with the Democrats who hold all the other elected offices in the county or no honeymoon at all.

Treffinger's inaugural and the swearing-in of Armando Fontoura to his second term as county sheriff and Newark Teachers Union president Carole Graves as the new county register, drew an audience of about 1,000 mostly suburban Republicans.

Maybe it was a sign of the times or the shock of having a Republican politician who continues to speak openly about "change" that kept most of the crowd rather subdued during the three hour ceremony and reception.

The scapegoating of black districts is not only wrong but pernicious. It threatens both the representation that blacks have achieved and the future of the Democratic Party, which can ill afford to be distracted from its real problems of defining a compelling message and rebuilding its base from the grass roots. Democratic problems in the South will be solved only by addressing the common economic concerns of whites and blacks—declining wages, job insecurity, the growing use of part-time workers—and not by trying to use African Americans, to stem a rising tide of white Republican votes.

Allan J. Lichtman, professor of history at American University, has testified for plaintiffs and defendants in more than 50 Federal voting rights cases.

Next week all across this nation we will again pause to celebrate the life and the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a modern day prophet, an apostle of non-violence and a preacher par excellence. During celebration activities and events much will be said of how great Dr. King was and even more will be said about his "dream." A dream that challenged this nation to live up to its words and looked to a day when all of its citizens would be treated equally as full citizens.

Unfortunately this servant of the Lord's life was cut short in 1968 at the age of 39. It has been 26 years since his untimely death and much change has occurred over these years. In fact many doors of opportunity that were closed to Dr. King during his life have now been opened to us.

Yet with all this change and opportunity one must wonder what Dr. King would think if he could come back and see what we have done with the opportunity we have achieved. If he came to Essex County what would he think?

He would be happy to see the political power amassed by blacks in the cities. Black mayors, legislators, freeholders, council persons and a large host of other positions. But he would not be greatly saddened to see black leadership involved in blocking the election of a qualified black candidate to higher office.

What would he think if he went to an East Orange City Council meeting and saw good people, lowering themselves and the city by being manipulative, vindictive and petty. He would be agast to see the largest school

Fontoura and Graves followed the tradition of having local dignitaries administer the oaths of office but Treffinger repeated the oath administered by Hon. Donald DiFrancesco, a Republican council member and president of the New Jersey Senate.

The County Executive also delivered one of the shortest inaugural addresses in recent years, a fact that was appreciated and will be remembered for a long time by those who rushed away from the celebration to catch up with the holiday football games.

It was clear Executive Treffinger has not had a change of mind since his campaign against Cardell Cooper last fall and intends to waste no time in tackling the problems he inherited with the office.

"In my humble opinion Essex County government is bankrupt," he said, continuing: "Fiscally bankrupt, intellectually bankrupt and ethically bankrupt."

He unveiled his agenda for change as he promised to bring back fiscal stability, reduce spending, a reduction in taxes, encourage public input and involvement in decision-making and to institute permanent safeguards against corruption.

Treffinger's seat on the Freeholder board has been taken by Nicholas Rolli, the man who also succeeded him as mayor of Verona.

One of the last speeches of the day was a farewell message from outgoing Register, Larrie West Stalks, one of Essex County's best known politicians. Stalks was given this special recognition by Freeholder Sara Bost who ended the afternoon's proceedings. Stalks, who recommended Carole Graves as her successor, had held the office for 20 years. A retirement party in his honor will be held at Newark's Robert Treat Hotel, January 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Democrats in Essex County continue to self-destruct.

For some strange reason they seem to enjoy the pain and passion they inflict on themselves.

The latest upheaval in the ranks came the day the predominantly Democratic Board of Freeholders met to reorganize themselves for the coming year and the election of a new president

of the board.

Battle lines were drawn since last year when Sara Bost said she would not seek another term as president because of her increased responsibilities as mayor of Livingston.

Bost named her support to Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. of Nutley. This triggered the on-again-off-again candidacy of James Cavanaugh, a Freeholder from Livingston.

A late bidder for the presidency was the political second Freeholder, Johnny Jones of Newark. Only political insiders talked about the agendas behind DiVincenzo and Jones and that talk grew louder and louder as the election drew nearer.

The mentors behind both men are the leading power brokers in Newark, county and state politics. North Ward Democratic leader, Steve Adubato, founder of the North Ward Educational and Cultural Center has been grooming Joe DiVincenzo for political office for years and was particularly anxious for him to assume the Freeholder presidency.

Newark Mayor Sharpe Jones is totally responsible for Johnny Jones' political persona. Jones brought Jones into the political arena when former Democratic Freeholder Dolores Battle was dumped by the party hierarchy several years ago.

Jones is an administrative assistant to the mayor. (DiVincenzo works for the Newark school system and part-time at the North Ward center.)

Nothing would have pleased Mayor Jones more and been a show of strength for him if Jones could have won the Freeholder presidency.

Unfortunately, when Cavanaugh withdrew his candidacy and Jones was pitted head-to-head against DiVincenzo, he lost by a 5-4 vote.

DiVincenzo was elected with the backing of Democratic Freeholders Sara Bost, Patricia Sobol, Joseph Parlevliegh and Arthur Wright.

Previously Wright was not expected to figure in the configuration of the newly reorganized body, but after the DiVincenzo victory he was nominated for vice president and won handily with the same majority that took DiVincenzo to victory.

Cavanaugh, who had been expected to be elected vice president no matter who won the presidency obviously put his election in jeopardy when he opted to run for vice president with Jones.

The losing Jones was supported by Freeholders James Cavanaugh, Louise Palagano and Nicholas Rolli, the only Republican among the freeholders.

Arthur Wright was hand-picked by Cardell Cooper for the Freeholder board two years ago when his city treasurer, LeRoy Jones, resigned to run for the State Assembly.

In giving his vote to Joe DiVincenzo, he may have been paying a political debt Cooper owed Steve Adubato who supported Cooper to Tom Giblin in last year's bitter primary battle between these two men.

Nobody (or a few) knows for sure but the suspicion is that Giblin, the Democratic chairman preferred either James Cavanaugh or Johnny Jones for the presidency.

At any rate, like DiVincenzo said after his election, the politics of the presidency are over. It's now time to get down to the business of governing.

Future Freeholder meetings will be held at night in an effort to encourage public participation.

East Orange has a new council president. He's Mark Scotland, a local entrepreneur and member of the city council. Throughout his political tenure Scotland has been friend and ally of Mayor Cardell Cooper. Whether or not this guarantees a smoother working relationship between the mayor and council remains to be seen.

Scotland's election was "unanimous" after an outgoing president, Yvonne Blake who abstained.

Would you believe in Newark the campaign for mayor is already heating up?

Senator Ronald Rice is anything but shy and retiring about his future plans to run for chief executive, while councilman-at-large Donald Tucker is so far mysterious about his intentions, although friends and supporters are giving big odds Tucker will be in the mayoral mix.

The women rumored to be more than a little interested in breaking the gender barrier in the election for Newark's first female mayor include councilwoman-at-large Mildred Trump and community activist Dr. Colleen Walton.

Congratulations are in order for Atty. Michelle Tucker, the first African American woman on the Princeton council. On January 1, Tucker became another "first" when her council colleagues elected her Mayor. So from now on you may address her as Madam Mayor.

Tucker is a former legislative assistant to Sen. Wyonna Lipman and most recently held down that post in Newark office of U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg.

If Dr. King could see us now...

system in the state, run by blacks, yet controlled by others, damage the lives and futures of so many of our children for patronage and spoils.

Dr. King would also be happy to see so many churches with well trained and eloquent pastors. Shepherds who know not only what to say but how to say it. But he would also feel that he had to write another letter, similar to the one he wrote from the Birmingham jail.

In that letter he had to defend himself against segregation and racism and organizing the Montgomery Bus Boycott. In this letter he would question why his colleagues don't speak out against the status quo, against the oppression and conditions which people face, which by our silence simply our approval.

He would also be pleased to see how our quality of life has improved. We live in better housing, make more money, go to any college, have better jobs. Unlike during his life we go where we want, when we want and how we want. He would be amazed by the improved quality of life.

But he would also be amazed by the decline in our quality of life. We make more money but have more people in poverty, more young people dropping out of school, more teenage mothers, more people on drugs, more people in jail, more black on black crime, more black homicides, disintegration of the black family and decline of values and self-esteem.

If Dr. King came back to see what has become of his dream he would see the need, not only to fight and struggle against renewed racism, whether it be alleged racism of the Khalid Abdul

Muhammads and the Bob Grants, but to struggle and fight against the enemies within our own community and among our own race.

A lot has changed over the 26 years since Dr. King was tragically taken from us, but if he could come back, one thing would still remain unchanged, and that would be the need to keep on singing and keep on believing. "We shall overcome." It is our hope for our posterity that we will.

The Rev. Reginald T. Jackson
The Rev. Ralph S. Wheeler

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Kids Kalendar

ELIZABETH—The Elizabeth NAACP Youth Council is sponsoring a four-day Black College tour to Morgan, Howard, Hampton, Virginia State, Shaw, North Carolina-Central and North Carolina A&T. For questions and more info, call 908-353-2495 or 908-352-8860.

MOUNTAINSIDE—The Watching Reservation is accepting registration for students preschool through 6th grade for its winter nature and science programs. For more info, call 908-789-3570.

BEGINNING JANUARY 18

WATCHUNG—Kinder, Carol, a special headstart program for children 4-5 years old has been added to the winter class program at the Watching Arts Center. The group meets from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. For more info, call 908-753-0190.

JANUARY 21, 22, 28, AND 29

SOUTH AMBOY—A performance of The Little Mermaid will appear at the Children's Theatre at Club Bona at 2 p.m. For more info, call 908-727-3000.

JANUARY 22

NORTH BRANCH—The Gizmo Guys, a singing duo, will appear at Raritan Valley Community College at 1:30 and 6 p.m. For more info, call 908-725-3420.

FEBRUARY 4 AND 11

MOUNTAINSIDE—Registration for Spring troop at the Watching Stables will begin on the 4th for those troops who rode during the spring and fall of 1994 from 8 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. New members can register on the 11th from 9 a.m. to noon. For more info, call 908-789-3665.

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New jobs of tomorrow revealed to youth of today

PATERSON—Two large, red posterboards filled with clippings of current private-sector and government layoffs are the focus of "Targeting Tomorrow's Jobs," an interactive workshop presented to the female youth program of the Bethune-Walker Collective, East Orange School District, at East Orange High School, East Orange, on Saturday, January 7, 1995, from 9:00 to Noon. Shirley Frazier, president of Sweet Survival, will present this workshop highlighting tomorrow's economic and financial work opportunities. Frazier will discuss today's work dilemmas and work alternatives available for the youth over the next 10 years.

PBS unveils new TV program for children on social diversity

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Following an enthusiastic reception at a series of screenings in the Nation's Capital, The Puzzle Place, television's first attempt to teach pre-school-age children how to deal with prejudice and cultural diversity, will premiere on Monday, January 16 on Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) stations.

As a pioneering new program series, The Puzzle Place features a cast of six culturally and racially diverse "puppet kids" who share adventures, songs, and lots of fun in learning how to understand and respect their differences and appreciate others.

Co-produced by Lantit Media Productions, Ltd., and KCET/Los Angeles, The Puzzle Place was inspired by a request from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), which was seeking to fund a series for young children specifically centered around the ideas of diversity and decision-making.

"This series offers lessons in being a human being for our littlest citizens," said CPB's director of the Television Program Fund, Donald Marbury.

"If we don't start with our children at the earliest stages in dealing with problems of prejudice and diversity, we will continue to support misconceptions and myths which are the barriers to communications and good relations."

CPB contributed \$4.5 million from the program fund managed by Marbury. Also providing financial support for the production of the initial season of 40 half-hour episodes of The Puzzle Place was SCExec, the parent company of Southern California Edison, which contributed \$3.5 million. SCExec provided the grant, following the 1992 Los Angeles civil unrest, as part of its corporate commitment to community renewal.



(Pictured l-r) Marcenja Masaka, coordinator, educational services, WHMM-TV, Barbara Kamara, executive director, D.C. Office of Early Childhood Development, Cecily Truitt, executive producer of The Puzzle Place, Donald L. Marbury, and Peter Nordquist, vice president, community and government relations, KCET/Los Angeles, a co-producer of the program.

I have a dream...

Plainfield students wish for a better world

"Martin Luther King, I have a dream too. I wish I could live in a world without AIDS, because it kills people of all ages. I wish I could live in a world without prejudice. Prejudice is still going on. I don't like it. People should try to get to know people who are different from them. If they did they might be friends."

Adam Jackson

Martin Luther King, I have a dream too. I wish I could live in a world where people helped poor people. We should give poor people food. We shouldn't hurt the poor. I would like to buy poor people food. I will never push them. I will always be nice to them. I will give them money.

Nicholas Magri

Martin Luther King, I have a dream too. I wish I could live in a world without drugs. I wish drugs were not real. People can die if they do drugs. I don't like people to do drugs. I hate drugs. I hope you never do drugs. I will never do drugs in my life.

Andrew Crawford

Martin Luther King, I have a dream too. I wish I could live in a better world. This world should have less violence. I always wonder if I will get hurt in a fight with lots of violence. In my old neighborhood there was a lot of violence. But in the neighborhood I live in now, there is almost no violence. I feel sad when someone dies. I don't want to die because of someone else's violent fight. I sure do think Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. would like my idea.

Ashley DeJesus

Martin Luther King, I have a

dream too. I wish I could live in a world with better air. Too many people are dying. One reason is because too many people are smoking and messing up the ozone layer. Cigarettes have nicotine that makes you want to keep on smoking. It messes up your brain and makes you want more nicotine. Smoking makes bad air. Cars pollute the air. When you can walk, then walk. Don't use a car when you can walk. Too many factories are making bad air.

Daniel Austin

Martin Luther King, I have a dream too. I would like to live in a better place. This world would be a better place if kids did not use guns and knives in school. One of the ways you and I can help is never take a knife or gun to school. I think Martin Luther King, Jr. would like my dream.

Alana Bouie

Martin Luther King, I have a dream too. I would like to live in a drug-free world where there are no drugs. I want a world where nobody does drugs. Especially children. I will never do drugs and I don't want my children (when I have some) to do drugs. I would like to live in a non-smoking world. Smoking is bad for you. I don't like it. It hurts your lungs. You should not smoke. When I grow up I will never smoke.

Beverly Scott

Martin Luther King, I have a dream too. I wish I could live in a peaceful world. A peaceful world means nobody would be violent. Everyone would feel happy. People have to learn to solve their problems by using peacemaking.

Jorge Moreno

EO PTA and the NJ Nets B-ball deal

EAST ORANGE—Here's a family entertainment opportunity to share. On January 22nd, the New Jersey Nets will challenge Rookie of the Year Chris Webber, his former Michigan teammate Jwan Howard and the rest of the Washington Bullets at 2:00 p.m. at the Meadowlands. And, East Orange High School PTA has tickets to the game!

"We're targeting our fundraising efforts to be more family oriented," said EOHPS PTA 2nd vice president Lennox Telford.

"Many of us as well as our children have never seen a professional basketball game and our PTA wanted to give that opportunity as well as

encourage families to be together in an outside activity. We believe this fund-raiser meets those goals," Telford added.

EOHPS PTA has arranged with the New Jersey Nets for how fund-raiser participants to receive a New Jersey Nets baseball cap as well as a \$3 food coupon, which will be honored at any White Castle restaurant. Tickets are only \$20, which includes a \$20 seat in the arena, the baseball cap, the \$3 food coupon and, if needed, transportation. Those who would like to plan a family afternoon with the New Jersey Nets can contact EOHPS PTA president Toni Caldwell at 201-673-0887 to reserve your tickets.

Plainfield Public Library January Calendar 908-757-1111

Wednesday, January 11	Game Day, 3:30 p.m. Ages 5 to 12
Thursday, January 12	Film program, 3:30 p.m. LVA Open House, 7 to 8 p.m.
Friday, January 13	Martin Luther King Birthday Party, 3:30 p.m. Ages 5 to 12
Saturday, January 14	Jan Sadd Storytime, 11:30 a.m. Ages 4 to 10
Sunday, January 15	Library Closed
Monday, January 16	Library Closed
Tuesday, January 17	After School Stories, 3:30 p.m. Ages 5 to 10 LVA Workshop 6 to 9 p.m.
Thursday, January 19	Film program, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, January 20	Arctic Animals: Stories and Craft 3:30 p.m. Ages 8 to 12
Saturday, January 21	Jan Sadd Storytime, 11:30 a.m. Ages 4 to 10 Arctic Animals: Stories and Craft 2 p.m. Ages 4 to 7
Tuesday, January 24	After School Stories, 3:30 p.m. Ages 5 to 10 LVA Workshop 6 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday, January 25	Drama Club, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 26	Film program, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, January 27	Little People Storytime, 11 a.m. Ages 5 and under
Saturday, January 28	LVA Workshop, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan Sadd Storytime 11:30 a.m. Ages 5 to 10
Tuesday, January 31	LVA Workshop, 6 to 9 p.m.

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MORRISTOWN—SCORE and the Morris County Chamber of Commerce sponsor a One Stop Shop for a Business Loan at the Chamber office, 10 Park Avenue from 9:30 a.m. to noon. For info call 201-539-3682.

NEW YORK—Business Opportunity Seminar. Also January 11, 1995. For info call 908-985-7207.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12
MORRISTOWN—Business Opportunity Seminar. Also January 12, 1995. For info call 908-985-7207.

NEWARK—Washington Common Development Corporation Public Improvement Committee meeting at the Rutgers Newark Building, 15 Washington St. at 9 a.m. For more info call 201-242-6237.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14
PLAINFIELD—There will be a tax workshop designed for newly arrived immigrants covering the tax issues that afflict them from 1 to 3 p.m. at the United National Bank Community Education Center. For more info call 908-756-5000.

NEWARK—Senator Wynona Lipman's Saturday Seminar. Information of interest to the small, minority and women owned business from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. For info call 201-622-0007.

TRENTON—Government Contracts for Small Business sponsored by the NJIT PTA Center. For info call 609-742-0584.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17
NEWARK—Pre Business Seminar on Starting Your Own Business sponsored by SCORE. Held at Bell Atlantic, 540 Broad Street from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 201-645-3982.

NEWARK—Center City Development Corporation Public Services and Public Improvement Committee meeting at the Newark Club at 9 a.m. For more info call 201-242-6237.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18
MT. HOLLY—Starting A Business, sponsored by the RBSCD. For info call 908-267-9860.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18 & SUNDAY JANUARY 21
JAMSEBURG—10 Things Every Woman Should Know about Investing. The Truth About Women & Money seminar sponsored by United Jersey Bank will be at the Fordingham Country Club. For specific times or further info call 1-800-UJB-3259.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19
BRIDGEWATER—Independent Contractors, Subcontractors seminar sponsored by the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce. Call 908-725-1562.

EDISON—Government Contracts for Small Business sponsored by the NJIT PTA Center. For info call 609-742-0584.

JANUARY 19-22
NASHVILLE—The Black Pages Annual Conference will be held at the Radisson Inn Hickory Hollow in Nashville Tennessee. For more info call 1-800-624-3518.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20
LINCROFT—The International Business Roundtable meeting from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the RVCC Welpe Theatre to share common interests in the field of international trade. For info call 908-526-1200.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24
NEWARK—Fourth Annual Shaper City Awards Program will be held at the First Fidelity Bancorporation building, 550 Broad St. 18th fl. For more info call 201-242-6237.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25
PLAINFIELD—Black Business Association of Plainfield meeting at the Mohawk Lodge at 7:30 p.m. For info call 908-561-8996.

MAYS LANDING—Government Contracts for Small Business sponsored by the NJIT PTA Center. For info call 609-742-0584.

NEWARK—The Downtown Security Alliance meeting at the Newark Club at 2 p.m. For more info call 212-242-6237.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26
FREEDHOLD—NAABO Regional Annual Dinner Meeting. For info call 908-842-0929.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28
JERSEY CITY—A ten week security management and administration institute non-credit course is being offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info call 201-200-3089.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31
PHILADELPHIA—Fundamentals of Marketing: Modern Concepts and Practices. Sponsored by the AMA. For info call 1-800-262-9699.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1
HOUSTON—World of Opportunity: Seminar for Minority Business Owners. Sponsored by the American Association of Minority Businesses, Inc. For info call 1-800-351-2262.

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Mentorship program matches minority businesses with major corporations

RED BANK—Over the past seven months, Thomas S. Smith, Assemblyman, 11th District, (Ocean County) has coordinated efforts with representatives of major Monmouth/Ocean County corporations to develop a Mentorship Program for minority businesses.

A concept of the New Jersey Pan-African Chamber of Commerce & Industry (NJAPACCI), this program connects small, minority businesses with large corporations as mentors. This program will help grow minority businesses, generate jobs, enhance our tax base, and develop our communities," says Smith, who chairs the Mentorship Program committee. "Minority and small businesses have a role in revitalizing cities like Long Branch and Asbury Park, by providing jobs and other business opportunities."

Many businesses in the area have already taken advantage of the Mentorship Program. Jersey Shore Medical Center, a regional, teaching

medical center in Neptune, has contracted with Chamber businesses through the Program.

"We hope to do even more through the Mentorship Program because we have found the service to be exemplary and the pricing of both services and goods competitive," says Michael J. Schwartz, executive vice president and CEO of the Medical Center, and co-chair of the Mentorship Program.

At New Jersey Natural Gas, James McGowan, Purchasing Director, and mentorship committee member has also been working with businesses referred through the program.

"One of the major businesses in our area need to work with vendors that have a vested interest in our own communities."

Vince Robbins, CEO of the Monmouth Ocean Hospital Services Corporation (MONOC), says, "We've always wanted to help out small businesses in general. But, since our introduction to the NJAPACCI, our contracts through the Mentorship Pro-

gram have enabled us to enhance both the small business and the minority approach."

Robbins adds that MONOC has saved money with businesses recommended through the Mentorship Program. "The service and quality of work has been wonderful."

Many organizations who want to contract with minority businesses often do not know where to look, according to Bill Franklin, NJAPACCI vice president. "The Mentorship Program solves that problem by providing the awareness," Franklin says. He adds that NJAPACCI hopes to build a track record of success through the Mentorship Program, and put more businesses in touch with major organizations in the Monmouth/Ocean County area. To do so, the Program Committee is comprised of representatives from the following corporations:

The Asbury Park Press, Bell Atlantic, CoreStates Bank, Gorcey Real Estate, Central Power & Light, Jersey

Shore Medical Center, Midlantic Bank, Monmouth Medical Center, MONOC, New Jersey Natural Gas Co., Ocean Place Hilton, Prudential Insurance Company, and Sandoz Pharmaceuticals. The committee will work to both inform and encourage major corporations to look for businesses in the Mentorship Program.

"Through the Mentorship Program, businesses are given an 'onion' of sorts," explains Rodney O'Neal, president of NJAPACCI. "The value of getting one contract cannot be underestimated because it provides valuable business references and additional opportunities to bid on other

projects. It can also have a tremendous impact on relationships with banks for loan opportunities."

The New Jersey Pan-African Chamber of Commerce & Industry was founded in 1992 to provide African-American small business owners with a network for support and growth. Currently, 55 Monmouth/Ocean County businesses have joined NJAPACCI.

Businesses interested in getting involved in the Mentorship Program, and organizations interested in offering contracts, may call the New Jersey Pan African Chamber of Commerce & Industry at 908-224-0027.

East Orange General's new president to appear on focus



EAST ORANGE—The new president and chief executive officer of East Orange General Hospital, Mark J. Chastang, will be the guest on Focus: East Orange, Mayor Cardell Cooper's monthly television program. Mark J. Chastang serves as president and CEO of Essex Valley Healthcare, Inc., which includes the hospital, Essex Valley Medical Transportation Services, an ambulance service, and the East Orange General Foundation. The show will air on Suburban Cablevision, Channel 3 on Monday, January 16 at 5:30 p.m.

Black Labor, White Wealth

by Kenneth Snodgrass

You are only what you read and what you don't read. *Black Labor, White Wealth* is so important a book that every African American should read it. For me it was like having a summary of many of the things I have been learning, developing and projecting over the past 26 years.

While this book is very well written and enriched with quotations from well-recognized African historians, it will not change America. We will have to change America by organizing ourselves to resolve the problems Dr. Claud Anderson and other historians and activists have been saying for years.

After reading this book, you will realize why the myth that African people had little or nothing to do with the growth of wealth and power in America is historically not true.

Black Labor, White Wealth is more than a history lesson. It is more than a history pointing the finger at blaming whites. It is a historical analysis of the unique development of America and the unique role African people played in its development of power and wealth. It further makes an excellent attempt to project solutions, to change the dilemma African people continue to find themselves frozen in.

As in reading any material, we need not limit ourselves only to the proposed solution of the writer. Although Dr. Anderson makes a brilliant attempt to offer projection and solution, he limits himself to only liberal and conservative thought saying, when in Rome, do as the Romans do.

Dr. Anderson must recognize that the projection of black capitalism alone will not resolve our problems as a whole. In fact, black capitalism doesn't have a chance of competing against white capitalism, which operates on an national and multinational level.

The solution to our powerlessness must be as challenging and as radical as Dr. Anderson analysis. The solution we need can't be packaged in the old language or in the old mind-frame. Our solutions are more complex then just adopting the same methods our oppressors used to build their wealth and power. As Dr. Anderson quotes Martin Luther King solution, "American society must have a radical redistribution of wealth and economic power to achieve even a rough form of social justice."

Dr. Anderson points out that we must become efficient capitalists, but it has been capitalism that has failed us in the past. It has been capitalism that enslaved us and created America's African Holocaust. Capitalism didn't work for us in the past and it won't work for us in the future. We must struggle to build a new economy that will see human beings as the center of all economic development, not just economy profit. An example of this would be in our trading with Africa as Dr. Anderson projected. We must create a win-win situation where both Africans in Africa and Africans in Africa benefit.

There were many excellent situations that Dr. Anderson pointed out, like building an economic base, controlling our wealth, using selective voting, demanding reparation, developing a new leadership, becoming empowered, etc.

Dr. Anderson showed how our government falsely said African Americans were making progress in America while in reality they were

being systematically kept in a state of being a permanent underclass.

Black Labor, White Wealth shows how the English, French, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, Arab Nations, and five nations of Native Americans all took part in perpetuating the enslavement and African Holocaust by buying, trading, owning, and fighting in the Civil War to maintain enslavement in the south.

Dr. Anderson points out how two-thirds of the Africans captured never made it to the new world because many were killed by Europeans, many died because of unhealthy living conditions on slave ships, and by new

diseases Europeans brought to the new world.

He shows how whites were so afraid of black people they passed laws to define who was white and who wasn't. If you had "one drop" of black blood in you, then you were considered a black person, and according to the constitution of the United States, you were only three-fifths of a man.

Became whites have systematically exploited African people for 16 generations in America, economically, politically and socially, Dr. Anderson

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Leaders react to Gingrich

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children and said, "this is what it's all about."

"This was a unique gesture that spoke to the core of the (Republican) agenda," he said. "There were no Latino, black or Asian children up there. That's what the agenda will be. It does not include our children."

Although he expressed discontent with the Republican-controlled

Congress, and sees no relief for the community, Davis blamed African-American leaders for much of the problem of the community.

"When the opportunity came for them to empower the people, they chose to empower themselves," he said.

Newark Mayor Sharpe James called on the 104th Congress to "flex their muscles to strengthen all of America." The mayor also offered some advice to the new "movers and shakers" of Capital Hill on the use of power. He said they should take their control very seriously and to use their power wisely for the benefit of all people.

"The 104th Congress has made a lot of promises," the mayor said, "now we have to see whether they can dispense power with passion and understand that power is not something to be reeled like a hammer or a baseball bat."

Walter Fields, political action chairman of the New Jersey branches NAACP warned African Americans not to expect any dramatic changes from the new Congress and that their programs will only benefit the rich.

"I don't have much faith in the current Congress," he said, adding, "they clearly have an agenda that calls for a diminishing role of gov-

ernment. The only beneficiaries from this will be affluent Americans who never needed the government and who knows the market very well."

He also said that the white middle class has been duped into thinking that Gingrich and the Republican Party has their best interest at heart. Reverend Reginald Jackson, political action chairman of the United Clergy of the Oranges, said there are some good and bad that comes along with the new conservative politicians moving to the capital.

"The new Congress wasted no time in meeting their agenda. On the very first day, they worked into the hours

of the night. In what is perhaps their first major action, the House voted 279-152 to pass a measure that would require a three fifths majority vote in order to pass an income tax increase.

It passed over Democrat opposition who called it unconstitutional and who demanded more than the 20 minute debate time the Republicans allowed. This makes it more difficult for the House to pass any tax increase.

They also voted to a new rule limiting the term of a speaker to eight years and of committee chairs to six years. It passed easily, 355-74.

America.

"The face of America has changed. The country, as we have known it, has taken a different turn that does not have our best interests in mind," the mayor said.

"I believe now, more than ever, we must understand the power of the vote, and the role each of us has in making our voice heard. The new right wing will set the stage for this country. Everybody will be on that stage except for us."

The New Congress wasted no time in meeting their agenda. On the very first day, they worked into the hours

Black power decreased

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American electorate supporting their actions with a 67 percent plurality.

But, blacks who watch Congress, such as the NAACP lobbyist Wade Henderson, say, "Newt Gingrich will frighten many black people. Much of what he says on subjects like crime and welfare has an undertone that strikes a racial chord among African Americans." But Henderson also says, "we have to develop a functional relationship with the Republicans. To do otherwise would mean we're shutting ourselves off from any progress."

MLK Birthday calendar of events

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PLAINFIELD—A video perspective of the life and speeches of Martin Luther King & The Civil Rights Movement will be presented at Douglas Hall at 2 p.m. For more info call 908-753-3310.

SUNDAY JANUARY 15

EAST ORANGE—Mayor Cardell Cooper cordially invites you to "A Musical Tribute" at 4 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church. Featuring Return to the Source, Essex Chorale, and the North Jersey Philharmonic Glee Club. For more info call 201-656-5123.

NEWARK—"Sing in Praise of King" The Seventh Annual Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be at Bethany Baptist Church at 3 p.m. Featuring keynote speaker Dr. Alvin Poussaint and performances by Bethany Baptist Church Sunrise Choir, Life and the Newark Youth Choir. For more info call 201-733-6454.

PLAINFIELD—A Musical "In Memory of Dr. King" at the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield at 10 a.m. For more info call 908-753-3310.

EAST ORANGE—United Clergy of the Oranges Annual Martin Luther King Service of Celebration at Faith Temple Free Will Baptist Church featuring music by the 100 Voice United Clergy Mass Choir at 7 p.m. Also community service, public service and leadership awards to be presented. For more info call 201-678-1217.

MONDAY JANUARY 16

NEWARK—Tenth District Congressman Donald Payne is leaving the city to attend his Ceremonial Swearing-in and reception as a member of the 104th Congress at the Dr. Martin Luther King Courthouse at 1 p.m. For more info call 201-645-3213.

RAHWAY—Congressman Donald Payne will serve as Grand Marshall for a procession sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Committee. There will also be a leaf laying ceremony at the statue of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in MLK Memorial Park. For more info call 201-645-3213.

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Frontiers International and the Police Community Athletic League will have a memorial breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon at Plainfield High School featuring guest speaker Cleaster Whitehurst-Mims. For ticket info call 908-754-8532, 756-4663, or 613-4919.

NEWARK—11TH Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast Awards from 9 a.m. to noon at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church located 231-251 Seymour Ave., featuring guest speaker Attorney Alton Maddox. For more info call 201-373-1183 or 372-5715.

NEWARK—There will be a Martin Luther King Program at St. James Church sponsored by the Girls and Boys Club of Newark featuring Congressman Payne and Marion Wright Edelman. For more info call 201-645-3213.

Black Labor, White Wealth

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son points out how African people today control one percent of America's wealth and power. The other 99 percent of America's wealth and power continues to remain under the control of white America!

He further points out that African people, after emancipation, had to go back into "quasi-slavery" (which I call neo-slavery) in order to survive because of no support from the U.S. government, corporate America or white America. As a matter of fact, America continued to pass laws that denied African people their democratic rights as Americans.

Dr. Anderson further explains the myth of progress through voting. He showed how in the last 30 years, even though African people have elected over 78,000 more officials to office, things have gotten worse. Unemployment in 1964 was 10.8 percent for African Americans. Today it has increased to over 14.6 percent. The percentage of blacks in prison in 1964 was 33.0 percent. Today it has increased to over 45.3 percent. The amount of African people living below poverty in 1964 was 34.0 percent. Today it has increased to 34.4 percent.

Surely our ancestors who were enslaved didn't die just for the right to vote. They died fighting to be free men and women. They died for the right to be treated as human beings, to be treated as citizens of America. They were trying to build a society where they could raise their children free of prejudice and racism.

Dr. Anderson's analysis of the

women's movement is also important, and I have been explaining this for years. While the women's liberation movement is important, the women's movement, as Dr. Anderson pointed out, has helped to keep the power and wealth of white America in the hands of white America.

He shows how our pursuit of integration, led by groups like the National Urban League, the N.A.A.C.P. and S.C.L.C. have further led to the breakdown of the African community, its economic base and our voting strength.

He further shows how we have lost out by letting white America define us as an ethnic group because whites now can overlook African people giving benefits needed to whites that continue to benefit white society.

Dr. Anderson shows how African people have a annual income of over \$3 billion and only two percent of it remains in the African community. He said we need black businesses, black store owners and because of not having our own wealth and power, we have been doomed as a race to oppression! We must empower ourselves by taking action to gain power and wealth in America!

I believe it is important for us to understand that while the problems we have discussed will have to be resolved by leadership and struggles of African Americans, this is not a black problem, it is America's problem!

Kenneth Snodgrass is an freelance writer and political activist based in Detroit, MI.

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